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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKAYUKI KIKUCHI

Application No.: 09/314,122

Filed: May 19, 1999

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, and in response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2003, in connection with which a timely Notice of Appeal was filed on May 13, 2004, the period for further response having been extended two additional months from July 13, 2004 to September 13, 2004 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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